

38230 to 38285—Continued. (Quoted notes by Mr. F. N. Meyer.)

38243. "(No. 1140.) A very valuable variety of jujube, producing fruits among which there are some as large as ordinary hens' eggs; fruits of roundish oblong form, of somewhat cylindrical shape; color mahogany brown; meat quite sweet and of a solid texture. This is one of the most famous jujubes of all China, and merchants come from far away to buy them up. The fruits can be eaten fresh, sun dried, baked in bread, stewed with rice, millet or meat, dry baked in the oven, preserved with honey and cane sugar, and also put up in weak brandy, tasting very well in each of these ways. They are also prized for medicinal purposes, especially when several years old, and, though 1-year-old fruits retail locally at 8 to 10 cents (Mexican) per catty, fruits 7 to 10 years old sell at \$1 (Mexican) and over for the same weight. They are used for relief of pain in the chest and respiratory organs and are considered to be very strengthening. The trees of this variety appear not to grow to large size; they are of open, loose habit, and do not produce fruit of uniform size. In the vicinity of Paihsiangchen several thousand acres are given over to their cultivation, and it seems to be a paying industry, as the acreage is constantly being enlarged. Propagation is done only by planting suckers; grafting, budding, and ringing seem to be unknown to the local people. A peculiar bunch disease is much in evidence on this variety as well as on other varieties, and growers complain that it is causing considerable reduction of the crop; they do not combat it, however, by cutting the bunches out. Special attention should be paid in America that this disease does not get a foothold. Chinese name of this variety *Ta yüan tsao*, meaning 'big round jujube.'"

38244. "(No. 1141.) A local variety of jujube, producing fruits of medium size, of elongated cylindrical shape; color, light mahogany brown. Can be eaten fresh, but they are best when put up in weak brandy. Chinese name *T'iao tsao*, meaning 'stick jujube,' referring to the shape of the fruit."

38245. "(No. 1142.) A variety of jujube, said to be of medium size, of tapering, elongated form, good only when fresh. Chinese name *Shui mên tsao*, meaning 'water-breath jujube.'"

38246. "(No. 1143.) A variety of jujube of medium size, of oblong-pointed form; color, light mahogany brown. Fruits can be brandied. Trees of vigorous growth, making long, outstretched branches. Chinese name *Chi hsin tsao*, meaning 'chicken-heart jujube.'"

38247. "(No. 1144.) A variety of jujube, said to be of medium size, of round form; color, dark mahogany brown; meat somewhat brittle. Good only when fresh. Chinese name *Yüan ts'ui tsao*, meaning 'round, fragile jujube.'"

38248. *JASMINUM NUDIFLORUM* Lindley. Oleaceæ.

Jasmine.

"(No. 1145. Paihsiangchen, Shansi, China. February 14, 1914.) A yellow-flowered jasmine occurring at the edges of dry banks, ravines, and grave mounds, flowering before the leaves come out, sometimes even in midwinter. The plants are of spreading habit, the very long, slender,